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## **Central Falls man admits dealing in counterfeit currency**

**Jose G. Cabreja**, 22, of Central Falls, has pleaded guilty to counterfeit currency charges, admitting that he sold counterfeit \$100 bills. Secret Service agents found \$24,000 in counterfeit hundreds in Cabreja's Hunt Street apartment in August.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the guilty plea, which Cabreja entered yesterday before U.S. District Court Judge Mary M. Lisi in U.S. District Court, Providence.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard W. Rose said that, had the case gone to trial, the government would have proven that, in transactions monitored by Secret Service agents, Cabreja gave a man 300 counterfeit hundreds on July 18 and 500 bogus notes on August 2. Agents developed evidence that Cabreja sold notes to several individuals, who kept a percentage of the bills' value after passing them into circulation.

Cabreja pleaded guilty to three charges: conspiracy to sell counterfeit U.S. currency, which has a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, and two counts of dealing in counterfeit U.S. currency, each carrying a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for January 20. Cabreja is detained in federal custody.

The **United States Secret Service** and **Central Falls Police** investigated the case, with assistance from **Warwick Police**. Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose is prosecuting the case.

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